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## Uzbekistan, Republic of

### Cotton and Products

### Cotton Production Update

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**Report Highlights:**

Uzbekistan's MY 05/06 official seed cotton production and planted area were set at 3.6 million metric tons (MMT) and 1.39 million hectares. Lint production is forecast at 1.08 MMT. MY 05/06 lint exports are forecast at 770,000 MT.

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**PRODUCTION**

Uzbekistan's MY 2005/06 seed cotton production is estimated at 3.6 MMT with 1.39 MHA of planted area. In MY 2004/05 Uzbek farmers harvested 3.5 MMT of seed cotton from 1.39 ha with lint production at 1.14 MMT

Near normal winter precipitation has enhanced surface and groundwater supplies for cotton production. Cool and cloudy weather in the higher elevations, however, slowed the melting process delaying the availability of water for irrigation in some areas during the vegetative stage. In addition, unusually cool temperatures and rains during the middle of spring delayed cotton planting approximately for 10 days in almost all the regions of the country. This year's replanted area is reportedly 72,900 ha. Currently, the cotton vegetation process is approaching its final stage in most of the regions of the country. Still, the experts believe that the harvest will begin at the beginning of September. The Uzbek government announced that planted area in 2006 would be 1.391 million hectares including 168,400 hectares under plastic covering. The state production target for seed cotton remains 3.6 MT. Cotton-lint production is forecast at 1.08 MMT. Production of Extra-Long Staple cotton remains insignificant in Uzbekistan.

Private sector representatives currently do not expect any quality deterioration of the new crop provided there precipitation will be limited from the end of September through October during the harvest.

**Table 1. FY 05/06 planted and replanted area by regions**

Regions	Plant Area Ha	Replanted Area Ha
Karakalpakstan Republic	100,000	15,200
Andijan region	107,000	0,200
Bukhara region	115,400	-
Djizakh region	106,400	2,800
Kashkadarya region	164,000	5,600
Navoi region	39,400	2,100
Namangan region	94,200	14,400
Samarkand region	103,400	8,800
Surkhandarya region	123,000	10,600
Syrdarya region	115,300	1,700
Tashkent region	108,000	5,200
Fergana region	115,300	1,700
Khorezm region	100,000	1,400
TOTAL	1,391,400	72,900

Table 2. Cotton Production, Supply and Demand

Uzbekistan, Republic of Cotton							
	2003	Revised	2004	Estimate	2005	Forecast	UOM
	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate (New)	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate (New)	USDA Official [Old]	Post Estimate [New]	
Market Year Begin		08.2003		08.2004		08.2005	MM/YYYY
Area Planted	1359000	1359000	1391000	1391000	1391000	1391000	(HECTARES)
Area Harvested	1431000	1359000	1456000	1390000	1450000	1391000	(HECTARES)
Beginning Stocks	216202	166770	195518	134110	260836	153110	(MT)
Production	892679	892680	1132178	1114000	1045087	1080000	(MT)
Imports	1089	0	0	0	0	0	(MT)
MY Imp. from U.S.	0	0	0	0	0	0	(MT)
TOTAL SUPPLY	1109970	1059450	1327696	1248110	1305923	1233110	(MT)
Exports	642294	642290	827361	810000	805588	770000	(MT)
USE Dom. Consumption	272158	283050	239499	285000	239499	290000	(MT)
Loss Dom. Consumption	0	0	0	0	0	0	(MT)
TOTAL Dom. Consumption	272158	283050	239499	285000	239499	290000	(MT)
Ending Stocks	195518	134110	260836	153110	260836	173110	(MT)
TOTAL DISTRIBUTION	1109970	1059450	1327696	1248110	1305923	1233110	(MT)

## TRADE

There are no any noticeable changes in the pattern of cotton exports except the reorganization of the former Agency for Foreign Economic Relations (AFER) of Uzbekistan, which through it's trading companies handles centralized cotton exports. Last month, by presidential decree AFER was turned into the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations, Investments and Trade (MFERIT). In addition to coordination and regulation of foreign trade, MFERIT will be responsible for attracting foreign investments.

Based on production forecast MY 05/06 lint exports are forecast at 770,000 MT.